

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **ABE, Koichiro**

Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 10/006,717

Examiner: **Roz GHAFORIAN**

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**DISPOSABLE SYRINGE DEVICE AUXILIARY UNIT FOR PREVENTING  
IATROGENIC INFECTION THROUGH NEEDLE**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 28, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003 for one month from August 7, 2003 to September 7, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

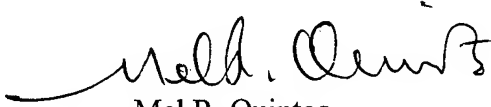
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